

TAXED UNTIL ABANDONED.**TEN MILLIONS ASSESSMENTS ON FA-CI-LY LOTS IN BROOKLYN.****Compromises Measures with which Mayor Howell and Others may Go Before the Legislature—15,000 Owners Interested.**

The taxes and assessments in arrears in Brooklyn amount to over \$10,000,000, and they are largely upon unimproved lots, which are not in many instances worth a quarter of what is due to the city from them. The property has been looked upon by its owners as confiscated by the city and they have abandoned it. The city, to meet the deficiency caused by the failure to collect the taxes assessed upon this property, has had to issue bonds to be redeemed when the taxes are collected, and these bonds are a part of the city debt. As a consequence of what is due the city, it is impossible to number of compromise measures have been favored by Mayor Howell and other city officials, which will probably take shape at the next session of the Legislature. There has been no sale of property for arrears of taxes since 1872, and then the city finding no purchaser was obliged to buy the property in. It has been relaxing the same property ever since, and annually increasing the arrears to be met. The law has required the publication of the list of property to be sold for taxes in the four corporation newspapers, and the prices levied has been \$1 a parcel for each paper, making \$4 to be added to the taxes upon each parcel. There are 415,000 parcels upon which taxes are due. The cost of advertising those according to law would be \$100,000. The custom of the corporation has been to have a list set up in type in one office stereotyped, and printed on extra sheets, each paper sharing the cost and distributing the sheets with its edition, or the advertising office giving them free for distribution. The combined circulation of the Brooklyn newspapers in Brooklyn is said to be about 100,000, and the cost of advertising the circulation is \$10,000. The corporation, Registrar of Assessors Rufus L. Scott, asked legislation permitting him to print 50,000 pamphlets containing the names and addresses of all who could have paid their taxes, and the cost of serving out such pamphlets. He gave the reason that while other cities have formed a parcel for every year in which there are taxes due upon it, there are only about 15,000 owners.

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THE TRACKS ON THE BATTERY.**The Elevated Railroad Structures to Remain—No Further Encroachments.**

Major Cooper yesterday voted the Committee of Council's resolution requesting him to take legal proceedings to make the New York Elevated Railroad Company remove its structures from the Battery Park. The veto says: "The occupation of public streets and places by elevated railroads is a serious encroachment on the city and to the owners of the adjacent property damaged thereby is an injustice which should not have been permitted, and which should not be allowed to continue if possible. I will request the Council to the Corporation to take proper proceedings to oppose any proposed encroachment by elevated railroads upon Battery Park or other public parks whenever any such encroachments shall be attempted. Upon visiting Battery Park I find that the corporation has done nothing that any further encroachments or new structures are now in progress or in preparation."

Gen. Grant Not Coming to New York.

Lieut.-Col. Fred. Dent Grant has written the following letter to Mr. Henry of Brooklyn, who wanted a committee of the Chamber of Commerce appointed to get Gen. Grant to come to New York:

Chicago, Dec. 6, 1879.
Dear Sir—I am directed by my friends to write to you to inform you that it will be impossible for him to visit New York and Brooklyn this winter. He thanks you very much for your invitation.

Yours truly, F. D. Grant, Lieut.-Colonel, U. S. A.

Major Howell of Brooklyn, in response to the invitation to visit Brooklyn, received the following yesterday:

Chicago, Dec. 6.

Dear Sir—Gen. Grant directs me to write and thank you for your kind invitation to visit Brooklyn, but will be unable to do so this winter.

I am, Sir, with great respect,

F. D. Grant, Lieut.-Colonel, and A. D. C.

Rapid Transit in Brooklyn.

The General Term of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn yesterday heard arguments for and against the motion to confirm the report of the Rapid Transit Commissioners, appointed by the Supreme Court to determine whether rapid transit is necessary in Brooklyn. The commission was provided for by law and its commissioners were appointed by the Mayor. The Commission reported that the railway system of Brooklyn is not sufficient to meet the demand as represented by the Mayor, with the exception of Lewis and Clark avenues, thus yielding up to the Kings County line. The report was adopted by the court under the direction of the Mayor, with the exception of Lewis and Clark avenues, all of the principal streets of Brooklyn, including Fulton street, from Fulton Ferry to East New York.

Lotteries.

The United States Grand Jury made a presentment, respecting the action of section 386 of the law, to prohibit the use of express companies from the mails of advertisements of lottery, and that the fines imposed for violations shall be the same as those under section 388, namely, a fine not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, plus costs. The bill was introduced in the House of Representatives on the 10th instant, and was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service. It was not reported back from the Committee until this afternoon.

Wiliamsburg Novelty Theatre.

Moress, Robson and Crane, as the *Two Brothers* in Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors," drew a large audience to the Williamsburg Novelty Theatre on Monday evening. The performance of these comedians was well received, and the audience was greatly pleased. The company was presented with good scenic effects. It was preceded by a farce entitled "A Clue to the Box."

McCrory's Nomination Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Senate, in executive session this afternoon, confirmed the nomination of Mr. McCrory to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit without debate or division. A single objection was made to the nomination, but was withdrawn by the Senator from the floor.

For Sale and To Let.

APARTMENTS.—New buildings, all light rooms, 4 rooms, \$100; 4 rooms, \$125. 10 West 10th Street, corner 10th and 11th. E. J. MALONE.

To Let.—**SUITABLE FOR PUBLISHERS**—Lawyers, or Agents. Steam heated and well lighted, on Second Story of THE SUN BUILDING, corner Nassau and Franklin. RENT LOW.

These premises overlook Printing House Square, the City Park Post Office, and the Courts.

THE PUBLICATION OFFICE OF THE SUN.

To Let.—One room and bedroom, cheap rent, \$5 per month. 102 East 13th St.

Board and Room.

A **RESPECTABLE** English family have lodgings, a quiet room, and a back room, for rent, \$15 per week.

BOARD.—Rooms, cheap board, with wash and piano, \$10. Madison st.

FURNISHED rooms, with or without board, to steady men, \$12. Madison st.

YOUNG GIRL, working during the day can get board and wash board, cheap, with a single woman. Call at 10th and 11th.

House Furnishing.

FOR SALE—Furniture—large quantity, and many articles of furniture, all the best, very cheap. 10th and 11th, Madison st.

HQDQUARTERS for Master Carpet, Oil Cloth, Linen, Cambric, Muslin, Door Mat, Herring Bone, and Linen. BUNDLES, 10th Fulton st.

IMMENSE REDUCTION in price of furniture, bedding, clothing, stores, &c., on credit or weekly or monthly payment. Address, 347 and 357 Graham st.

WANTED—A boy, 12 years old, to drive laundry carts.

Wanted—Females.

A-UP-TOWN ADVERTISERS—May leave their favors for the Sun at the only authorized outlet, 10th Street, corner of 10th and 11th. PELOUET, PELOTON & CO., 14 East 10th St., New York.

WANTED—immediately—Thirty energetic men and boys, aged 18 to 30 years, for work for a live weekly paper. Add res: 10th, 17th St., New York.

WANTED—an assistant clerk, rapid penmen, from 20 to 30 years of age. Apply from 9 to 9 P.M. at 10th Street, corner Union Square, 10th & 11th st., city.

WANTED—100 experienced tailors in Ditchley Bay Tunnel cost, Boston, Mass.; wages, \$1.00. Apply to R. A. MALONE, Contractor.

WATCHMAKER—Wanted, a single young man; HAYDEN & GLIDDEN, 107 Fulton st., Brooklyn.

WANTED—100 learners, boys and girls, at MILLS HAYES & CO.'S brass factory, Broadway and Henry st., New York.

WANTED—Men and boys; to play piano, &c., preferred. Call after 9 A. M. till the week, 323 Peacock st., New York.

WANTED—A delicate brass finisher to work on a monitor lathe, by JOST & HELLMAN, 33 Lawrence st., Newark, N. J.

WANTED—A first-class confectioner; W. W. WALL, 709 10th av.

WEF—Very quick severs—219 Grand st., ring first bell.

BROWNING, KING & CO., want operators, dealers, and distributors in every city of their clothing, at 10th and 11th, Madison st., New York.

EXPERIENCED draper, drapery assistants and upholsterers trimmers, 10th and 11th, Madison st., New York.

FRIST-CLASS drawing room, 10th and 11th, Madison st., New York.

WANTED—A good tailor for Wilson covered suit, \$15. 333 East 10th st.

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